

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Richard Merken-Schiller et al.

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PACKING  
PRODUCTS IN FILMS AND FILM-PACKED  
PRODUCT

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Examiner: S. F. Gerrity

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a clean copy and a marked up copy of a substitute specification and amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.